**Canberra**

On Monday the 30th of April 2012, the year six boys of CBHS Lewisham were going on an educational excursion to Canberra.

All the boys were at school when all the teachers started calling the roll; I’m in Mr. Ambrose class so he called out our class role.

It was time to leave school we carried our carry-on and our general luggage to the bus was a double decked bus so that was pretty exciting seeing that it was my first time.

Our parents waved us off and it was time to go to Canberra.

It was a pretty good trip, I sat next to Christopher Terzis and we played DS most of the trip. We stopped at Goulburn, had lunch at a park and then went on to Canberra.

In Canberra it was 12 degrease cold so I was freezing. On the first day we went to the National Museum of Contemporary Art, and then we went to the High Court of Australia and last but not least the Electoral Educational Centre. Out of all my favorite of the three was the educational centre because it was an interactive process.

It was about 6:00 o’clock pm before we caught the bus back to our motel which was called the Carrotel Motel.

When we got to the motel we went to our cabins. The cabin I was in was number fourteen and contained myself, Kevin Rizk, Daniel Babian, Nicholas Fazalaro, George Papadopollous, Luke Renshaw and Daniel Treperzanofski.

Meanwhile we had unpacked and all of the cabins went to dinner. On the first night dinner was chicken with rice and veggies with the option of gravy. Not many boys liked it but I thought it was very good!

After dinner, we went back to our cabin and got ready for bed.

It was 5:30am when George woke me up. I got up and got dressed in my full school uniform, including my blazer. At 6:00am, we had to go to breakfast.

After breakfast, we got on the bus and went to Parliament House. Sadly enough, we did not see Julia Gillard or Tony Abbott in action.

After Parliament House we visited the War Memorial. The War Memorial was very cool and we saw many guns and helicopters.

Our next visit was an Embassy tour. My favorite Embassy was the Greek Embassy, because of the way it was structured and designed. Once the Embassy tour was completed, we proceeded to the National museum. During our time at the National Museum, we went into this place, that I don’t actually remember the name of, but what we did was we had to get our photo taken, then we had to create a rocket or futuristic house. When we completed that, a lady who worked there gave us some 3D glasses and led us to a theatre where we watched our creations in 3D action. The Museum was very interesting.

After the museum, we went back to the motel. While we were there, our cabin decided to have a Mario cart tournament with our neighbours, in the end sadly, our neighbours won.

It was about 6:30pm when we got dressed in our sports uniform and went to dinner. After dinner we got on the bus and went to the AIS. The AIS is the Australian Institute Of Sport. My group was the first group to go into the fun centre. The fun centre was where visitors came for fun and games. My favourite thing in the fun centre was the footy kicks, where you had to kick a soft AFL ball onto the screen which had a sensor that would detect the direction of the kick.

Then we saw all the athletes and swimmers training centers. Who could imagine a 55 million dollar pool! After all that, we thanked our guide who was a paraolympian in sprints, we got on the bus and went back to our motel. At the motel it was time for bed.

It was now the final day in Canberra. We packed our belongings, and head off to breakfast. After breakfast we got our bags and said goodbye to our rooms and went on to Questacon.

We arrived at Questacon and took a couple of photos.

Once we were done taking photos, we went inside to explore what Questacon had to offer. Questacon was really cool, but very different from the last time I visited with my family a few years ago.

There were about eight stations at Questacon, so we started at number one and worked our way through. Sadly the best station was closed due to construction, but the stations were all very interesting and fun.

My favourite station was the one containing the earthquake house, but my favourite activity was tic- tac- toe. There was also an activity where you stood on the wall and a flash of light hit you and when you looked at the wall, you could see an imprint of your shadow, which I thought was really good.

Once we were done with the exhibits, we went to the foyer, went to the bathroom, and got on the bus and head back home to Sydney.

On our way back, we stopped at the same park as we did on our way to Canberra.

Then we arrived back in Sydney where our parents were waiting for us.

Overall I think Canberra was great!!